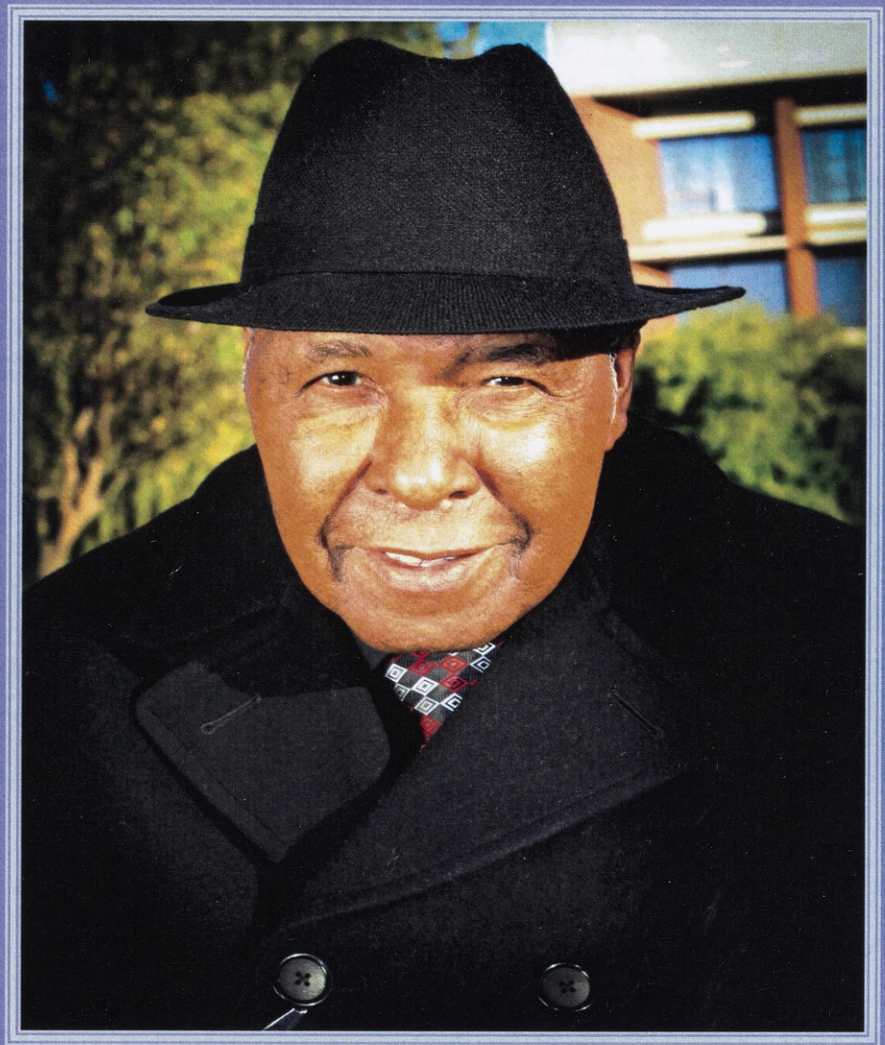
The Homegoing Celebration for...

Evangelist Joseph Elijah Yates, Sr.

December 8, 1932 ~ September 11, 2011



Home-Going Service Held:

Thursday, September 22, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.
East Oakland Deliverance Center
7425 International Boulevard
Oakland, CA 94621-2805
(510) 638-1742

Apostle Ray E. Mack – Host Pastor
Pastor Grady Simpson, Officiating

OBITUARY

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Evangelist Joseph Elijah Yates, Sr., 78, passed away Sunday, September 11, 2011, at North Bay Medical Center in Fairfield, CA after a brief battle with pneumonia. Joseph was born on December 8, 1932 in Greenville, Texas to Elders Elijah and Louisa Yates. He was the second of four children by this union. He has two sisters, Mamie Simon and Lonnie Valentine, and one brother, Maceo Yates. They grew up in a saved and sanctified home under the loving care of their mother and father who were both ministers of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Joseph attended Booker T. Washington school and graduated from St. Paul High School in Greenville, TX. He was a drummer and a member of the Glee Club. He was also a member of his school's basketball and baseball teams. He then attended Butler College in Tyler, TX. However, in 1953, he answered the brave call to serve his country. He entered the Army and served as a Medic. He worked his way up the ranks and was honorably discharged as a Sergeant.

Joseph worked at a Foundry in Los Angeles, CA. He was a Neurology Technician at UC Hospital in San Francisco, CA. He also worked at Union Oil of the East Bay and San Francisco Examiner Newspaper in San Francisco. Joseph was a singer who sang in quartettes, The Loving Five of Texas and Hearts of the Coast from the San Francisco Bay Area.

In his youth, Joseph accepted the Lord with the encouragement of Elder Cooper and continued his discipleship under the leadership of Elder Thomas of Richmond, CA. Mostly recently, he served under the leadership of pastor and friend Elder Grady Simpson of Simpson's Temple C.O.G.I.C., Oakland, CA. He had faithfully served in the ministry for over 30 years.

Evangelist Joseph Elijah Yates, Sr., was ordained as an Elder by the Late Pastor Fred Thomas. He served God's people operating in many spiritual gifts and offices such as an Intercessor, Encourager, Evangelist and Teacher. Briefly, he pastored over the flock of Evangelist Deliverance Center on Foothill Boulevard in Oakland, CA.

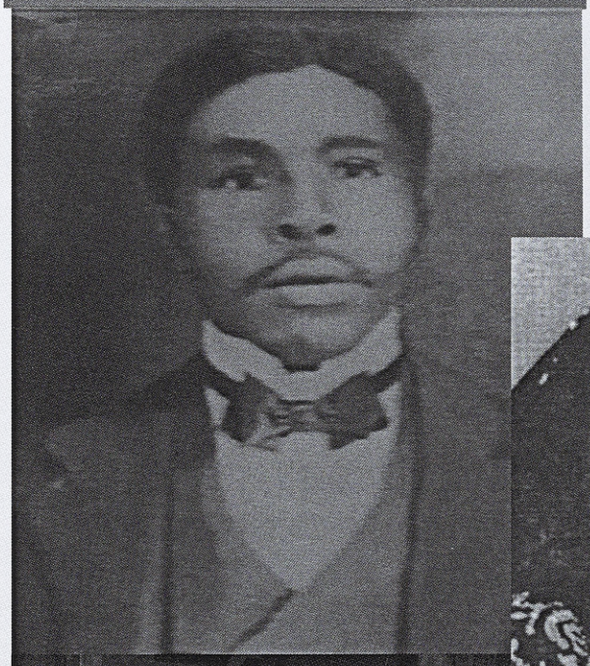
Joseph had fought the good fight of faith as evidenced by his many victories over disease and life's challenges. He had witnessed the hand of God move in many peoples' lives as well as his own. He was a faith preacher who went throughout California, Texas and Hawaii telling his testimony of God as a Mighty Healer after the Lord healed him of cancer. As he ministered the word, compelling people to surrender their hearts to God, he would sing songs of edification, love and purpose such as, *Praise the Lord Everybody*, Sam Cooke's *He Cares*, and *Out of Your Belly Shall Flow Rivers of Living Waters*.

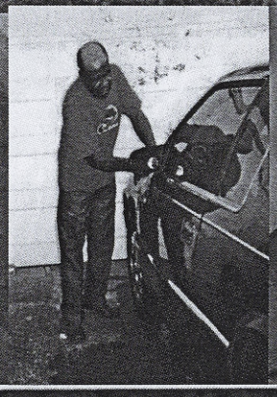
Joseph could be found on any given morning at his favorite restaurant, Denny's, talking to people and reading his Bible. He was a man full of compassion who loved the Lord, his children, his family and people no matter their lot in life. He was full of empathy, forgiveness and grace. He would always be seen with a smile on his face, fine suit on his back, and an encouraging word on his lips.

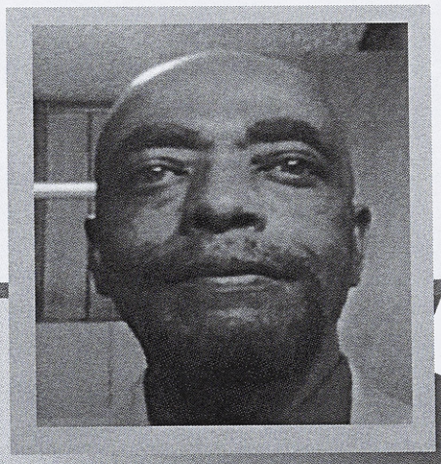
Joseph was preceded in death by his parents, Elders Elijah and Louisa Yates. Joseph is survived by his wife, Barbara Yates; two sisters, Mamie (Gus) Simon and Lonnie Valentine, and brother, Maceo Yates. He is also survived by eight biological children; his four sons and their spouses, Vincent (Sandra) Yates, Anthony (Roxanne) Yates, Joseph (DonnaLynne) Yates, Jr., and Gary "Butch" Yates; his four daughters, Linda Boone, Lawauna Yates, Ezreaonne (James) Yates-Richmond, Rochelle Yates-Wagner; two step-sons, Roy (Cheryl) Combs and Isaac "Ike" Combs; step daughter, SassyMarie Strong; 30 Grandchildren, 42 Great Grandchildren, 13 Nieces, 8 Nephews, 8 Great Nieces, 11 Great Nephews and a host Cousins and Loving Friends.

In every conceivable manner, the family is link to our past, bridge to our future.

~ Alex Haley

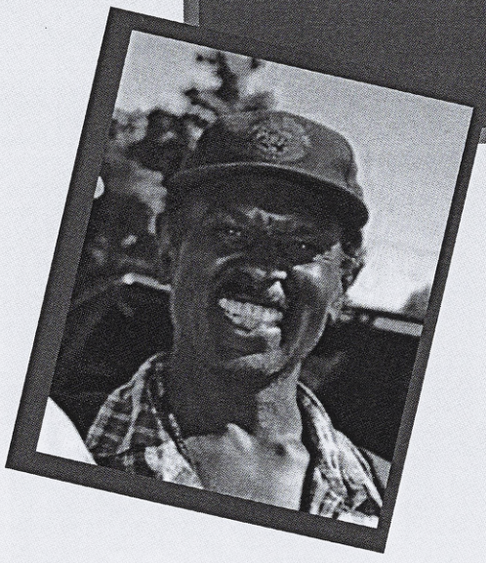






Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord...Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them!

Psalms 127: 3-5



You don't choose your family.
They are God's gift to you, as
you are to them.
~ Desmond Tutu

ORDER OF HOMEGOING CELEBRATION FOR

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Organ Prelude.....

Processional.....Pulpit

Prayer.....Pastor Grady Simpson

Scripture Reading.....Bishop Michael Calloway

Musical Selection.....Ester "Plukey" Heath

Acknowledgements of Cards and Condolences.....DonnaLynne Yates

Special Expressions: (3 minutes each)

The Family, Church and Texas.....Lorna Spencer, Elder Julius Rogers

Musical Tribute.....Anthony Yates

Musical Selection.....Lalonie Yates-Hayes

Special Expression: (3 minutes each)

The Family, Friends and Community Members.....

The Pastors, Elders, and Ministers.....

Obituary Reading.....Roxanne Henderson-Yates

Presentation of U.S. Flag.....U.S. Armed Guards

Musical Selection.....Robin Hodge-Williams

Eulogy.....Pastor Tony Cooper

Viewing.....

Recessional.....

<u>Military Salute-Interment</u>

Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at 11:00 AM

Sacramento Valley National Cemetery

5810 Midway Road, Dixon, CA 95620

707-693-2460

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Andre Valentine
Dell Spencer
Mike Grant
Joe (Maceo) Yates, Jr.
Jamaal Gilard
Rico Price

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Anthony Yates
Isaac Combs
Lance Newton
Sherrick Gunn
Gary Yates
Joseph "Pete" Yates, Jr.
Roy Combs
Vincent Yates

OUR BELOVED CELEBRATION SCRIPTURE

When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." (55) "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" (56) The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. (57) But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. — *I Cor. 15: 54-58.*

REPAST

The Family would like you to join them after the Home-Going Celebration at:
East Oakland Deliverance Center, 7425 International Boulevard,
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Perhaps you made a comforting call or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a card or a dish of food; if so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much.
Whatever the part, may God bless you.
-The Family

SERVICES ENTRUSTED TO:

Rose Manor Funeral Services
3331 Macdonald Avenue
Richmond, CA 94805
(510) 235-9145